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CLAIMS

In the Claims:

- 1. An exterior rear view mirror assembly comprising:
- a housing adapted to be secured to an outer surface of a motor vehicle and having a generally rearwardly facing opening;
 - a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;
 - a bezel disposed in proximity to a portion of a lower transverse surface of the housing, the bezel having an opening for projecting light;
 - a light transmitting lens formed in the bezel; and
 - a light source assembly having a light source, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.
 - 2. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the opening in the bezel projects rearwardly.
 - 3. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein the light source assembly is removably secured to the bezel.
 - 4. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, a vehicle approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

- 5. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle approach light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.
- 6. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a vehicle side marker light and wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.
- 7. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source generates light to provide a turn signal and wherein the lens is one of red, white, and amber.
- 8. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.
- 9. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the bezel is integrally formed with the housing.
- 20 10. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the bezel is separately formed from the housing, and wherein a fastener attaches the bezel to the housing.
 - 11. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees

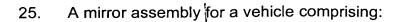
rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

- 12. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly includes an electrical connector for supporting the light source.
 - 13. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein the bulb holder is integrally formed with the light source assembly.
 - 14. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein the light source assembly is operable to provide a signal visible-through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.

- 15. A mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:
 - a mirror housing;
 - a reflective element;
- a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;
 - a bezel formed integrally with the mirror housing and defining a portion of a lower transverse surface of the mirror housing, the bezel having an opening for projecting light;
 - a light module disposed within the bezel, the light module having a light source, wherein light from the source light source projects through the opening; and a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.
 - 16. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the bezel is disposed generally beneath the backing assembly and the reflective element.
 - 17. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the opening in the bezel projects rearwardly.
- 18. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source generates

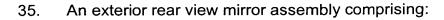
 20 light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.
 - 19. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.

- 20. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.
- 21. The mirror assembly of claim 15 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.
- 22. The mirror assembly of claim 15 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the bezel.
- 23. The mirror assembly of claim 16 wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener.
- 24. The mirror assembly of claim 16/wherein the fastener comprises a cliptype fastener, the clip-type fastener engaging the bezel.



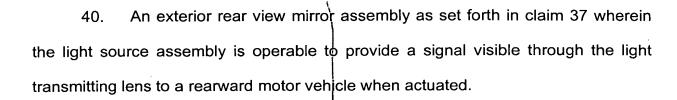
- a mirror housing;
- a reflective element;
- a backing assembly supported by the mirror housing, the backing assembly supporting the reflective element;
- a bezel formed as a separate element of and attached to a lower portion of the mirror housing, the bezel having an opening for projecting light through the opening;
- a light module disposed within the bezel, the light module having a light source for providing light projected through the opening; and
 - a lens formed in the opening, the light projecting through the lens.
- 26. The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the bezel is disposed generally beneath the backing assembly and the reflective element.
- 27. The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the opening in the bezel projects rearwardly.
- 28. The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source generates
 20 light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.

- 29. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 25 wherein the light source assembly has a reflective inner surface, the inner surface being shaped to direct a maximum amount of light emitted from the light source to the lens.
- 30. The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the lens is operative to direct light through an arc extending at least 40 degrees rearwardly from approximately a line passing through the mirror assembly and extending perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.
- 31. The mirror assembly of claim 25 wherein the light source is operable to provide a signal visible through the light transmitting lens to a rearward motor vehicle when actuated.
- 32. The mirror assembly of claim 25 further comprising a fastener for attaching the light module to the bezel.
- 33. The mirror assembly of claim 32 wherein the fastener comprises a threaded fastener.
- 20 34. The mirror assembly of claim 32 wherein the fastener comprises a cliptype fastener, the clip-type fastener engaging the bezel.



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- a reflective mirror disposed within the opening;
- a bezel in proximity to a lower portion of the housing, the bezel having a rearward opening for projecting light;
 - a light transmitting lens formed in the bezel; and
 - a light source assembly removably secured to the bezel and having a light source, the light source assembly generating light projected through the opening in the bezel, the light source assembly being operable to provide a light signal visible through the light transmitting lens.
 - 36. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 35 wherein the light source generates light to provide at least one of a turn signal light, an approach light, and a vehicle side marker light.
 - 37. The exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 36 wherein the lens is one of red, amber, and white.
- 20 38. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the bezel is integrally formed with the housing.
 - 39. An exterior rear view mirror assembly as set forth in claim 37 wherein the bezel is separately formed from the housing and wherein fasteners attach the bezel to the housing.



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